



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Education
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Action title	Technical Revisions to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel: Align to 2005 Legislation
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The purpose of the present regulatory action is to align the provisions of the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel* with amendments to the Code of Virginia as adopted by the 2005 General Assembly and effective July 1, 2005. Sections 80, 80, 660, and 680 require amendments in order to align the regulations with the following three 2005 legislative actions:

House Bill 2790 requires that the Board of Education, in its regulations governing teacher licensure, establish criteria and a procedure to allow persons seeking initial licensure as teachers through an alternative route as defined by Board regulations to substitute experiential learning in lieu of coursework.. This legislative action requires an amendment to Section 8VAC20-21-80 in the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel*.

Senate Bill 949 requires the Board of Education regulations to provide for licensure by reciprocity for individuals who hold a valid out-of-state license. This legislative action requires an amendment to Section 8VAC20-21-90 in the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel*.

House Bill 2832 requires the Board of Education to suspend or revoke the administrative or teaching license of any person who knowingly and willfully with the intent to compromise the outcome of an athletic competition procures, sells, or administers anabolic steroids or causes these drugs to be procured, sold, or administered to students, or by failing to report student use of anabolic steroids. This legislative action requires amendments to Section 8VAC20-21-660 and Section 8VAC20-21-680 in the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel*

[The present action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (Section 2.2-4006 of the *Code of Virginia*), which exempts revisions to regulations that are necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law where no agency discretion is involved from its requirements.]

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The amendments to the licensure regulations will not have an impact on the family and family stability.